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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY BRIDGET BLOOM APPEARED IN THE AUGUST 26 EDITION OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES UNDER THE TITLE OF, "DR. KISSINGER MAY MEET VORSTER IN TWO WEEKS":
2. "DR. HENRY KISSINGER, US SECRETARY OF STATE, IS EXPECTED TO MEET MR. VORSTER, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER' PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. IT WILL BE THEIR SECOND MEETING. THE FIRST TOOK PLACE IN BAVARIA TWO MONTHS AGO."
3. "ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION LAST

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NIGHT IN WASHINGTON OR PRETORIA, IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE

DATE AND PLACE COULD BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT WEEK. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DR. KISSINGER MAY FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY GERMANY AND ICELAND ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION."

4. "WHILE THE MAIN SUBJECT AGAIN WILL BE THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE, AND IN PARTICULAR RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA (SOUTH WEST AFRICA) THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL RAISE THE SITUATION WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAN HE DID IN JUNE."

5. "WHILE A SECOND KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING HAS LONG BEEN ON THE CARDS ITS TIMING IS SEEN AS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS DUE TO MEET BY NEXT TUESDAY TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY TOWARDS NAMIBIA."

6. "SOUTH AFRICAN-BACKED PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF 1978, WITH AN INTERIM MULTI-RACIAL GOVERNMENT UNTIL THEN, HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED BY KEY UN AND AFRICAN FIGURES. IT IS THOUGHT THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE MR. VORSTER TO ENDORSE PROPOSALS MORE LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE UN."

7. "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE BEING DISCUSSED WITH AFRICAN PRESIDENTS BY TWO SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS. YESTERDAY, MR. WILLIAM SCHAUFELLE, US SECRETARY FOR AFRICA. AND MR. WILLIAM ROGERS, IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MET ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT, MR. KAUNDA, IN LUSAKA. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THE TWO MEN ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET THE PRESIDENTS OF TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS WELL AS PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE."

8. "IN LONDON, IN A MOVE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE AMERICAN

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INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA' THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT MR. TED ROWLANDS, FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICA, WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR THE CONTINENT."

9. "ALTHOUGH MR. ROWLANDS, AND THE TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH HIM WILL NOT MEET THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS, THEY ARE VISITING THE SAME CAPITALS AND ALSO EXPECT TO SEE THE SAME PRESIDENTS, WITH THE ONE DIFFERENCE THAT MR. ROWLANDS IS TO GO TO NIGERIA."

10. "FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS SAID LAST NIGHT THAT THE TIMING OF THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN VISITS WAS FORTUITOUS, BUT IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS MET SIR ANTHONY DUFF, UNDER SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, WHO IS AC-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPANYING MR. ROWLANDS, IN LONDON ON TUESDAY."

11. "ALTHOUGH THERE CLEARLY IS COORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN WHITEHALL AND WASHINGTON, THERE REMAIN CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES ON TACTICS, PARTICULARLY ON RHODESIA."

12. "DR. KISSINGER FULLY SUPPORTS THE BRITISH VIEW, ENUNCIATED BY MR. CALLAGHAN ON MARCH 22, THAT THERE SHOULD BE MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. BUT DR. KISSINGER IS BELIEVED TO FAVOR BRITAIN'S TAKING

A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN RHODESIA THAN BRITISH POLITICIANS
AT THIS STAGE ARE PREPARED TO COUNTENANCE."

13. "IN PARTICULAR, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT KEEN TO BE
PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO HOLD THE RING IN
RHODESIA ONCE THE WHITE GOVERNMENT THERE HAS ACCEPTED
THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE, SINCE THIS COULD WELL
INVOLVE BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE."

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